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JOHNSON TOLD THE CIA to stop secret financing of private organizations.

The President accepted the recommendations of a three-man panel he had appointed Feb. 15 that said "no Federal agency shall provide any covert financial assistance . . . to any of the nation's educational or private voluntary organizations." Any such support was ordered halted "as quickly as possible." The panel urged that any future exceptions for national-security reasons be strictly limited and determined by a review committee. But "in no event," it added, should "educational, philanthropic or cultural" groups be involved.

Johnson put Secretary of State Rusk in charge of establishing a special council to subsidize openly any group's overseas activities worthy of such support.